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The book analyzes evangelical Christianity as a comprehensive perspective for understanding the range of contemporary policy issues in America. It finds that evangelicalism can be understood as a distinctive approach to understanding policy debates, that evangelicals are not as monolithic as commonly thought, but that their policy activism is still marred by significant shortcomings, namely their failure to employ non-biblical arguments and rhetoric that might resonate with non-evangelical Christians.